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By: **Calvert County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County - Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services - Length of**  
3 **Service Award Program**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that certain volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency  
5 medical services members shall receive certain length of service award program  
6 credits during certain pending workers' compensation claims under certain  
7 circumstances; and generally relating to the length of service award program in  
8 Calvert County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 The Public Local Laws of Calvert County  
11 Section 14-104  
12 Article 5 - Public Local Laws of Maryland  
13 (1986 Edition and July 1991 Supplement, as amended)  
14 (As enacted by Chapter 52 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2002)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 5 - Calvert County**

18 14-104.

19 (a) In order to qualify for any benefits, points shall be credited to each  
20 volunteer in accordance with the following:

21 (1) Five points shall be credited for approved training courses of a  
22 duration less than 25 hours. Ten points shall be credited for approved training courses  
23 of a duration of 25 to 49 hours. Fifteen points shall be credited for approved training  
24 courses of a duration of 50 hours or more. Not more than 30 points may be credited for  
25 all training each year.

26 (2) One point shall be credited for each company or county drill of a  
27 duration of 2 hours or more. No more than a total of 20 points may be credited for all  
28 drills each year.

1 (3) One point shall be credited for attendance at any official county or  
2 company fire or rescue squad meeting. No more than a total of 20 points may be  
3 credited for attendance at all meetings each year.

4 (4) One point shall be credited for each call to which a volunteer  
5 responds, providing that not more than 40 points may be credited for all calls  
6 responded to each year, including standby at a station.

7 (5) Twenty points shall be credited for completion of a 1 year term in an  
8 elected or appointed office in any of the fire or rescue service organizations of Calvert  
9 County provided that not more than one office shall be counted in any calendar year.

10 (6) One point shall be credited for each hour of acceptable collateral  
11 duties, including fund-raising, apparatus and building maintenance, administrative  
12 duties, fire prevention, and CPR instruction. No more than 20 points may be credited  
13 for all collateral duties performed each year.

14 (7) A volunteer member who serves or has served full time military  
15 service in the armed forces of the United States shall receive credit at the rate of 6  
16 points for each month served providing that not more than 60 points may be credited  
17 for any calendar year. A maximum of 4 years of creditable service may be acquired in  
18 this manner. In order to receive this credit a volunteer member must have received an  
19 honorable discharge from the armed forces.

20 (8) A VOLUNTEER MEMBER WHO IS PROHIBITED FROM PARTICIPATING  
21 IN DUTIES THAT WOULD OTHERWISE EARN POINTS BECAUSE A PENDING WORKERS'  
22 COMPENSATION CLAIM PROHIBITS PARTICIPATION IN THE DUTIES SHALL RECEIVE  
23 CREDIT AT THE RATE OF 6 POINTS FOR EACH MONTH DURING THE PENDENCY OF  
24 THE CLAIM PROVIDING THAT THE MEMBER IS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER FROM THE  
25 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION DECLARING THAT THE MEMBER IS  
26 TEMPORARILY TOTALLY DISABLED. A MAXIMUM OF 60 POINTS MAY BE CREDITED  
27 FOR ANY CALENDAR YEAR.

28 [(8)] (9) No member with less than 10 years service may earn points  
29 unless the member is a certified emergency medical technician or fire fighter I.

30 [(9)] (10) Points must be earned in at least 4 of 7 categories.

31 (b) In order to provide credit for service prior to January 1, 1986, each  
32 company shall review its past and present membership rosters to determine the  
33 number of years of credit to which each member or past member is entitled. In  
34 making this analysis, the standards for active service shall be used as guidelines.  
35 Approval for service shall be certified by the board of directors of each company or  
36 rescue squad and as provided in § 14-103 of this subtitle. If a volunteer member has  
37 service in more than 1 company or squad that individual shall receive credit for the  
38 service in each organization providing not more than 1 year's credits may be granted  
39 for each calendar year of volunteer service.

40 (c) In the event that sufficient records are unavailable to prove service prior to  
41 January 1, 1986, the certification may be made by a company after thorough

1 investigation, and on the best information, knowledge and belief of the board of  
2 directors of the individual company.

3 (d) This program shall be funded from the public general funds of Calvert  
4 County.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
6 effect October 1, 2003.